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SUBJECT: US ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN: PL 480 AND BUDGET SUPPORT

REF: AMMAN 3502

1. SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER RIFAI HAS ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE JORDAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR WITH UP TO 40,000 TONS OF PL480 WHEAT AND THAT WE ALSO PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SOME ADDITIONAL BUDGET SUPPORT HOPEFULLY AT LEAST A QUARTERLY ALLOCATION UNDER CRA OF \$13.5M END SUMMARY:.

2. AMBASSADOR MET JULY 3 WITH PRIME MINISTER RIFAI AT HIS REQUEST. RIFAI RAISED QUESTION OF FOOD NEEDS FOR JORDAN FOR REMAINDER THIS CALENDAR YEAR. HE NOTED THAT MINISTRY OF SUPPLY HAD REVIEWED POOR WHEAT CROP SITUATION WITH EMBASSY AND HAD INDICATED JORDAN'S NEEDS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR AND INTO 1976 WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT (REFTEL) HE ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF WE COULD ARRANGE TO HAVE SHIPPED TO JORDAN 20,000 TONS OF WHEAT BY LATE AUGUST EARLY SEPTEMBER AND FURTHER 20,000 TONS BY THE FIRST OF JANUARY. AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT RECOMMENDATIONS

FROM THE EMBASSY ON THIS QUESTION HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE AND THAT THESE

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WERE IN LINE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST. WE HAD NOT HEARD FROM

WASHINGTON YET ABOUT ALLOCATIONS, BUT WOULD ON THE BASIS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTION SEEK AND EARLY ANSWER FROM WASHINGTON.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ALLOCATION OF TWO SHIPMENTS OF 20,000 TONS OF WHEAT

EACH TO ARRIVE IN EARLY AUTUMN (ONE) AND BY JANUARY 1, 1976 (SECOND) PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH A STATUS REPORT IF DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON ALLOCATIONS NOW AVAILABLE. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLY REPLY (BY JULY 10) IN VIEW OF PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONNEL INTEREST.

4. RAFAI ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF BUDGET SUPPORT FOR REMAINDER OF 1975. HE RECALLED THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT CONGRESS WOULD BE ASKED FOR APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AMOUNT NEXT US FISCAL YEAR AS FOR THE LAST. AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT WE HAD SEEN SOME PRELIMINARY INFORMATION THAT A CRA WAS IN EFFECT FOR SOME TIME PERIOD IN THE NEW YEAR AND WOULD ASK AID AND DEPARTMENT WHETHER THE CRA WOULD ALLOW FOR AN INITIAL BUDGET SUPPORT PAYMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IF CRA WILL ALLOW POST RECOMMENDS AN INITIAL BUDGET SUPPORT PAYMENT FOR JORDAN EQUAL IN VALUE TO APPROXIMATELY ONE QUARTER OF JORDAN ANNUAL ALLOCATION UNDER REQUEST TO CONGRESS. SINCE WE ANTICIPATE THAT ROUGHLY \$75M WILL BE REQUESTED AND THAT A MAXIMUM OF \$20M SHOULD BE HELD AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WE RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO AN INITIAL QUARTERLY ALLOCATION OF \$13.5M THIS WOULD TOTAL \$54.0M IN BUDGET SUPPORT FOR THE YEAR, BUT WITH FLEXIBILITY FOR SOME INCREASE IN THE LAST QUARTER IF FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE FULL AMOUNT BY CONGRESS AND THE FULL \$20M IS NOT USED FOR DEVELOPMENT.  
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